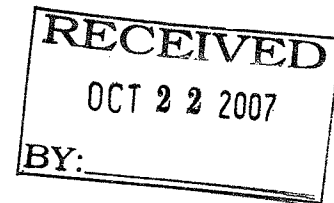


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California High-Speed Rail Authority, EIR/EIS Comments  
925 L Street, Suite 1425  
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Subject: Draft Bay Area to Central Valley High-Speed Train  
Program Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mr. Morshed:

On September 26, 2007, the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) submitted comments on California High-Speed Rail Authority's (CHSRA) Draft Bay Area to Central Valley High-Speed Train (HST) Program Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS).

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In furthering our own analysis for the design of the Transbay Transit Center and Downtown Extension of the Caltrain right-of-way, we wish to verify some of the parameters used in the operations and ridership analyses presented in the EIR/EIS.

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- Section 4.3D (page 4-20) of the EIR/EIS describes a conceptual operating schedule of 124 trains per day. How many of these trains would operate from a San Francisco terminus?
- The Timetable presented in Appendix E of the January 2004 CHSRA Operations Report presents a peak-hour operation of a San Francisco station of 4 trains per hour. Has a new timetable been prepared for either the operations or ridership analyses performed by CHSRA and presented in the draft EIR/EIS? Are any figures available to establish the number of trains that would operate from a San Francisco terminus during the projected AM and PM peak operating periods?
- Table 4.3-1A on page 21 of the January 2004 CHSRA Engineering Criteria Report establishes the time required to turn a train in a stub-end or terminus station at 20 minutes. Has there been any change in this operating requirement?

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Please include these questions and your responses amongst the comments to the Draft Bay Area to Central Valley High-Speed Train (HST) Program Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS). Should you have any questions related to these inquiries, please feel free to contact me at 415.597.4620.

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Sincerely,

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